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In re Application of:
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For: ACCESSORY MOUNTING APPARATUS

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SUPPLEMENTAL OATH/DECLARATION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1)

Sir:

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

1. More than one reissue application has been filed for the reissue Patent No. 5,833,188. The reissue applications are application numbers 09/712,837 (the present application) and 10/301,324, which is a continuation reissue of Patent No. 5,833,188.
2. Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to our names.
3. We believe we are the original first inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,833,188 (attorney docket 66033-001 (5275)), granted November 10, 1998, and for which a reissue patent was sought entitled Accessory Mounting Apparatus, present application number 09/712,837, filed November 10, 2000.
4. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above application 09/712,837, including the specification and claims, as amended.
5. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Codes of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

6. We verily believe the original patent, number 5,833,188 to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than the patentee had a right to claim in the patent.

7. At least one error upon which the reissue application is based is that applicant had claimed less than he was entitled to claim.

8. Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. We have reviewed the additional modifications made to the amended claims (e.g. claims 31-35) of this application and believe them to have occurred without deceptive intent.

9. As the named inventors, we hereby appoint the following attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and request that all correspondence and telephone calls in respect to this application be directed to MANATT, PHELPS, AND PHILLIPS LLP, 1001 Page Mill Road, Building 2, Palo Alto, Ca. 94304. Telephone No. 650-812-1300.

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10. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that the willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issued thereon.

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